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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Friday March 12, 2021

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- **Severe thunderstorms across portions of OK and TX today and tomorrow and for E AR on Sunday.**
- **Heavy rainfall/flash flooding possible across OK, N AR, TX Panhandle today into tomorrow.**
- **Critical fire weather for portions of NM today and for E NM/W TX Saturday and Sunday.**

# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Mar 12, 2021 - Mar 16, 2021



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DAY / THREAT	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue
Severe Storms	SW OK, TX Panhandle/S Plains	W/Central OK, NW/W-Central TX, TX/OK Panhandles	E AR		
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	OK, N AR	N OK			
	TX Panhandle	OK, N AR, TX Panhandle			
Fire Weather	NM	E NM/W TX	E NM/W TX		
Winds					
Winter Weather					
River Flooding	N OK, N AR	N OK, N AR	N OK, N AR	N OK, N AR	N OK, N AR
	LA, AR, ETX	LA, AR, ETX	LA, AR, ETX	LA, AR, ETX	LA, AR, ETX

	No Weather Threats Expected
	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

*\*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.\**

*For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.*

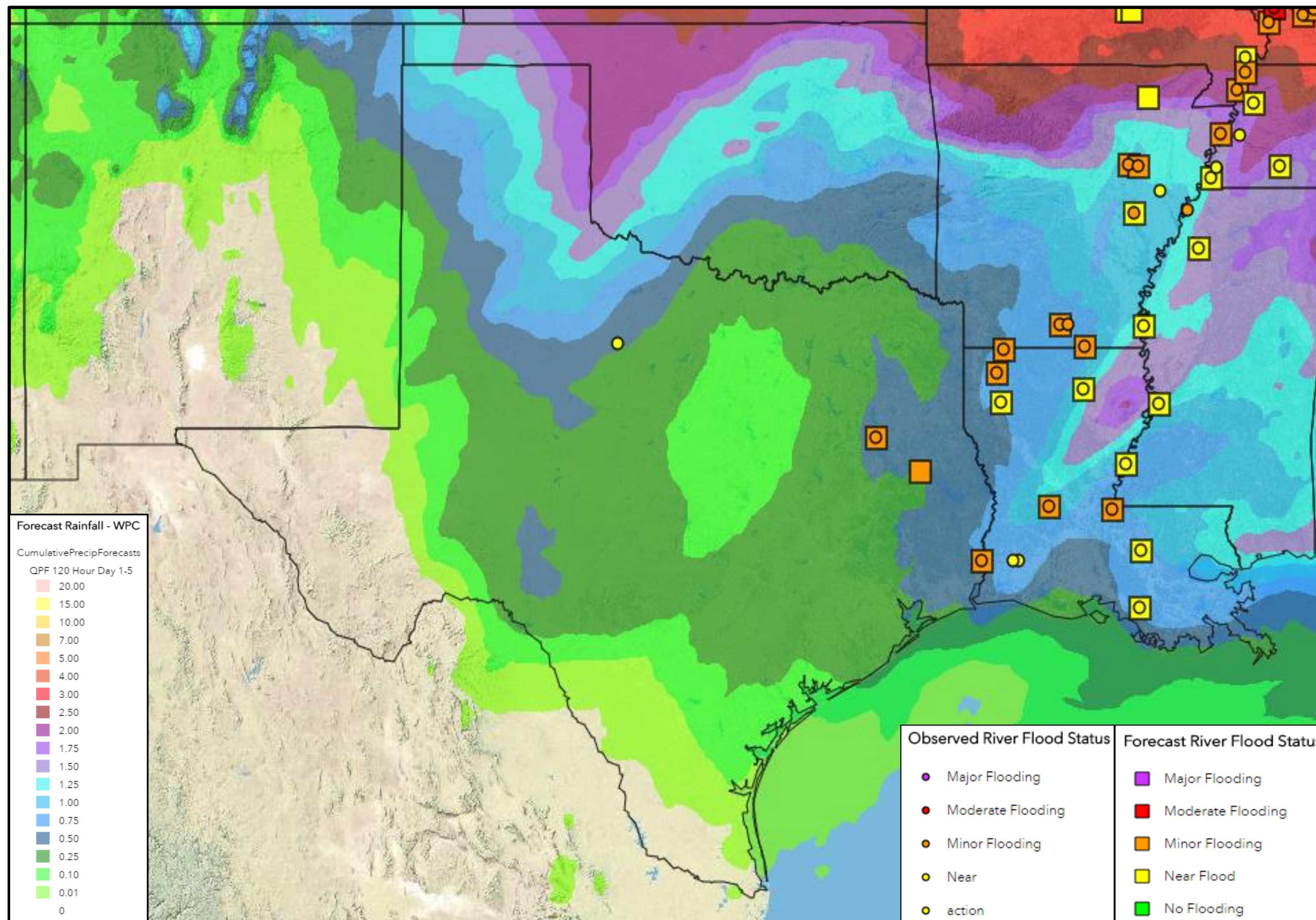


# 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status



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*Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall*



**Rainfall today and tomorrow is expected to cause minor to isolated moderate flooding across N OK and N AR.**

**Minor river flooding continues across portions of LA, AR, and E TX with minor impacts to secondary roads and agricultural/recreational areas.**

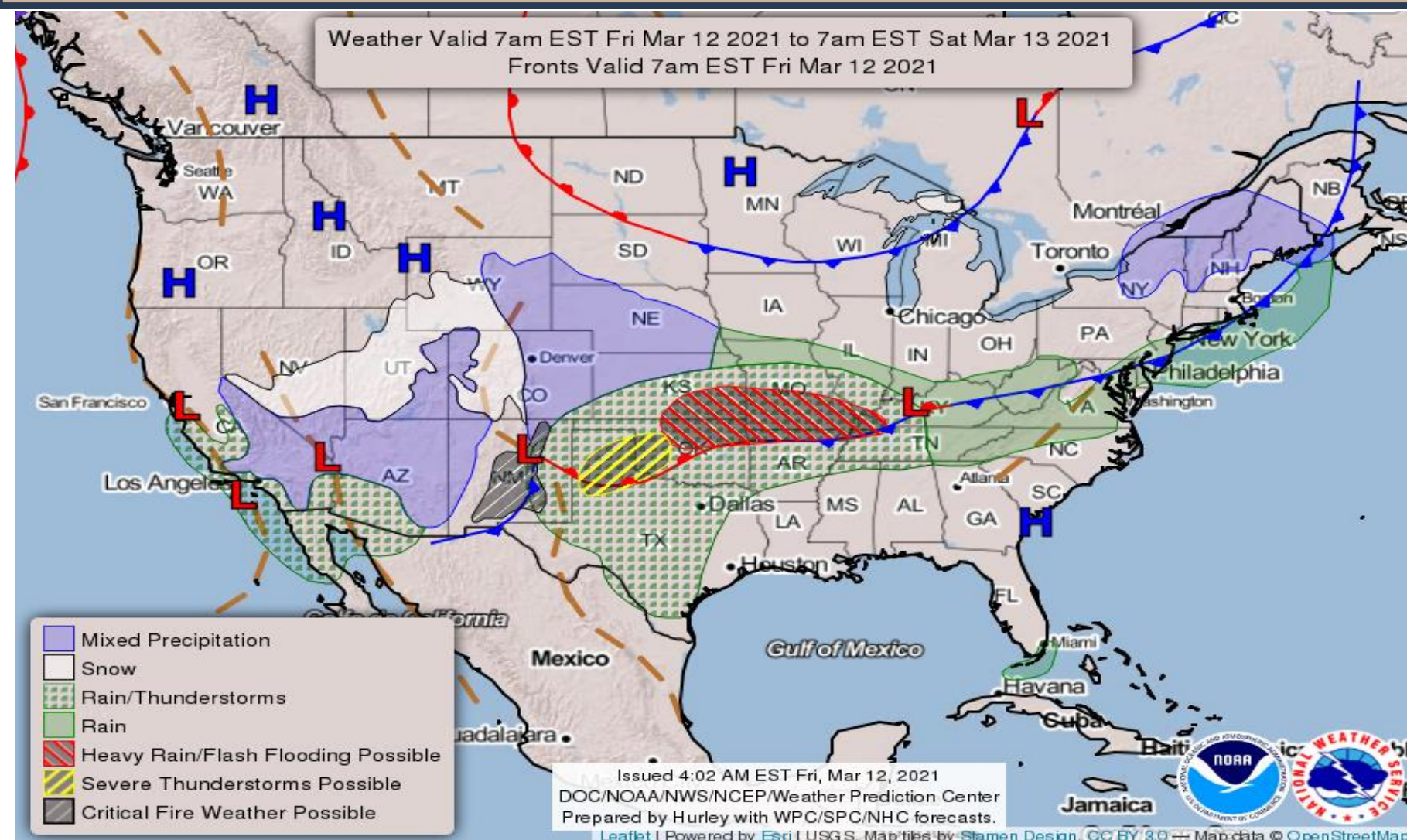
**On the MS River, minor flooding is occurring at Osceola in NW AR and Red River Landing in SE LA with impacts to secondary roads and barge traffic.**

**The MS River at Baton Rouge and New Orleans is expected to slowly rise and crest late next week below flood stage.**

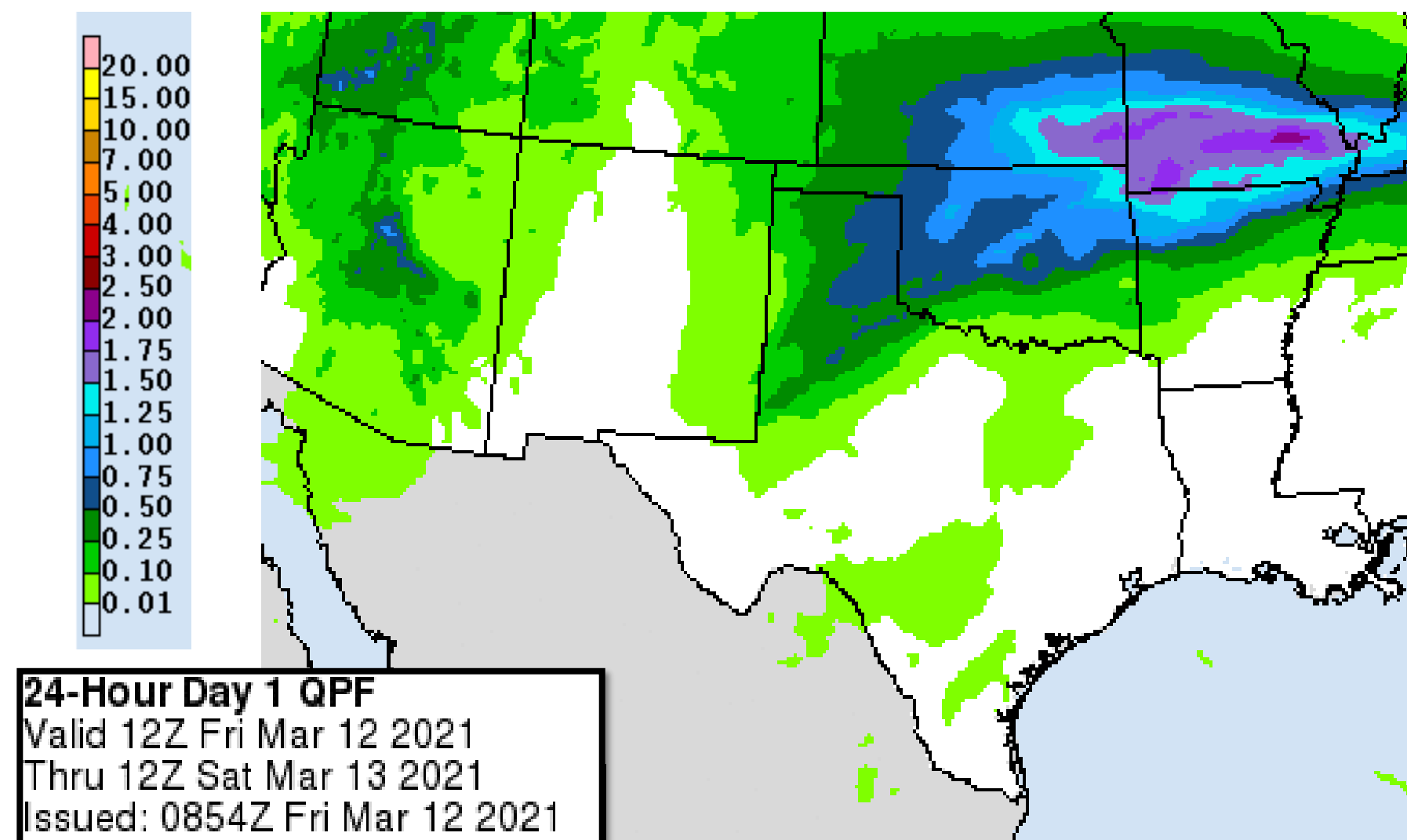


# Today's Weather

## Forecast Chart



## Forecast Rainfall

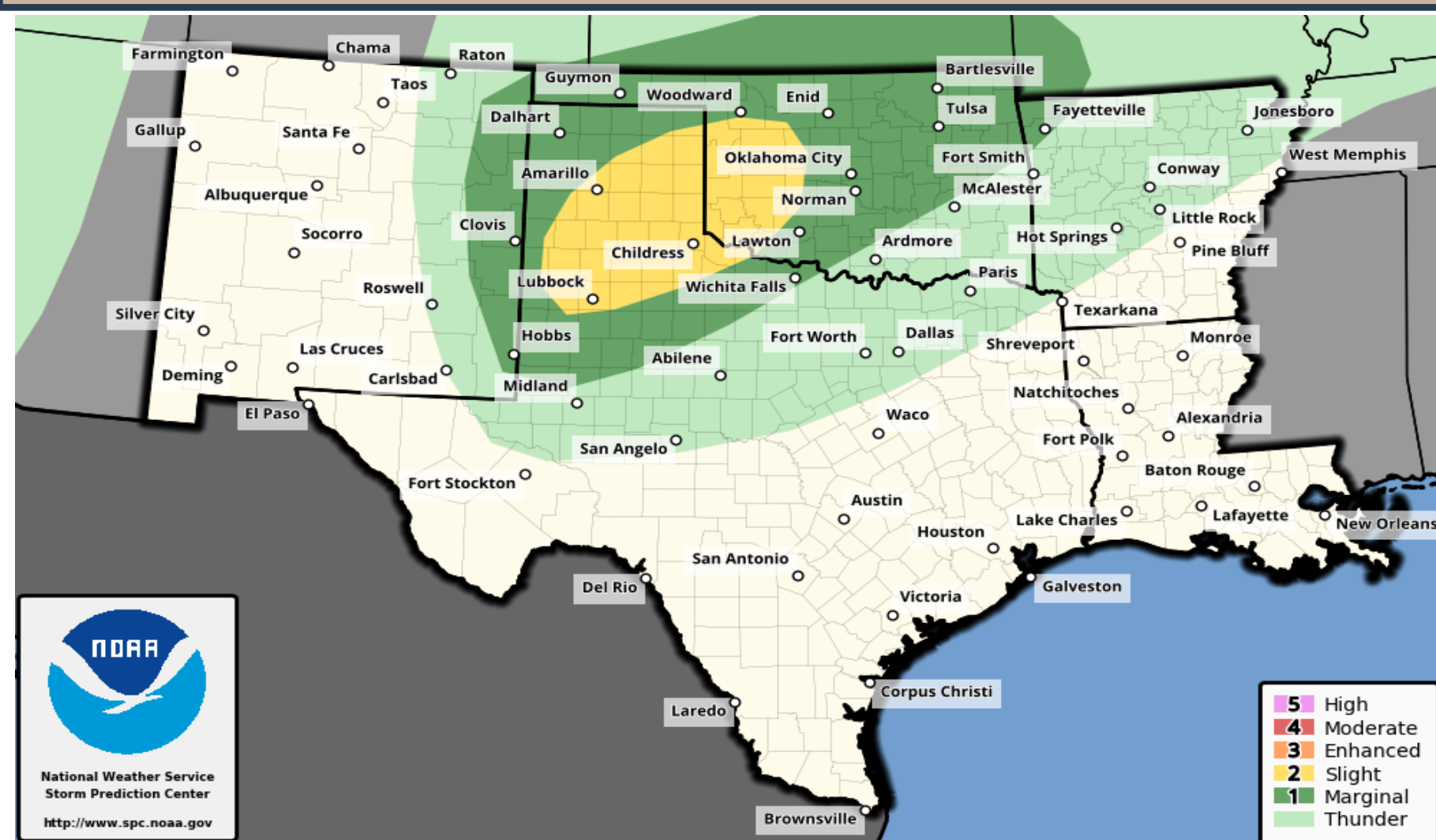


**Severe thunderstorms possible late this afternoon into tonight across SW OK into the TX Panhandle/South Plains. Damaging winds and large hail are the main threats. A few tornadoes are possible late this afternoon through late this evening.**

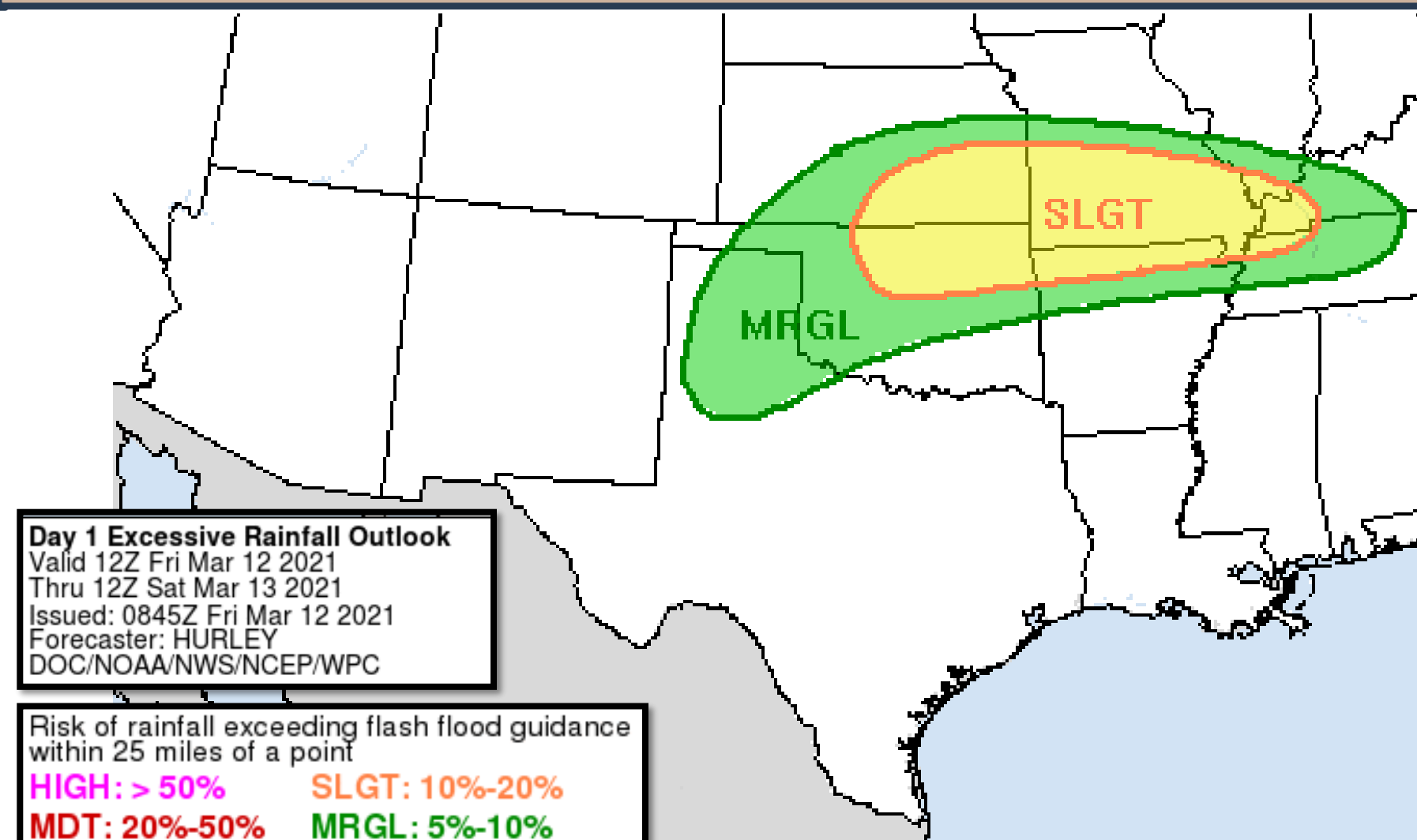
**Heavy rainfall/flash flooding across OK and N AR.**

**Isolated heavy rain/flash flooding possible in the TX Panhandle**

## Severe Weather Outlook



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook

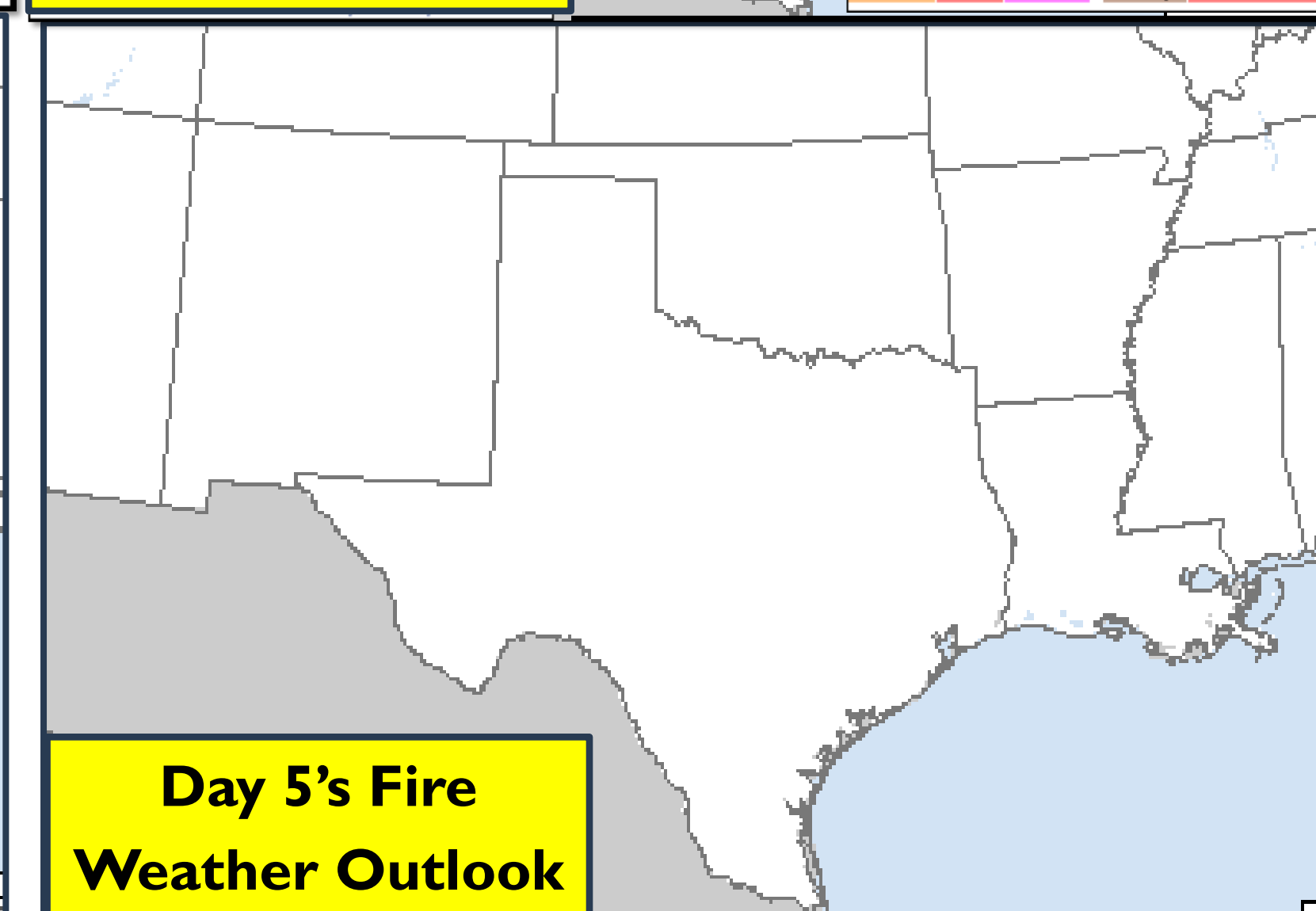
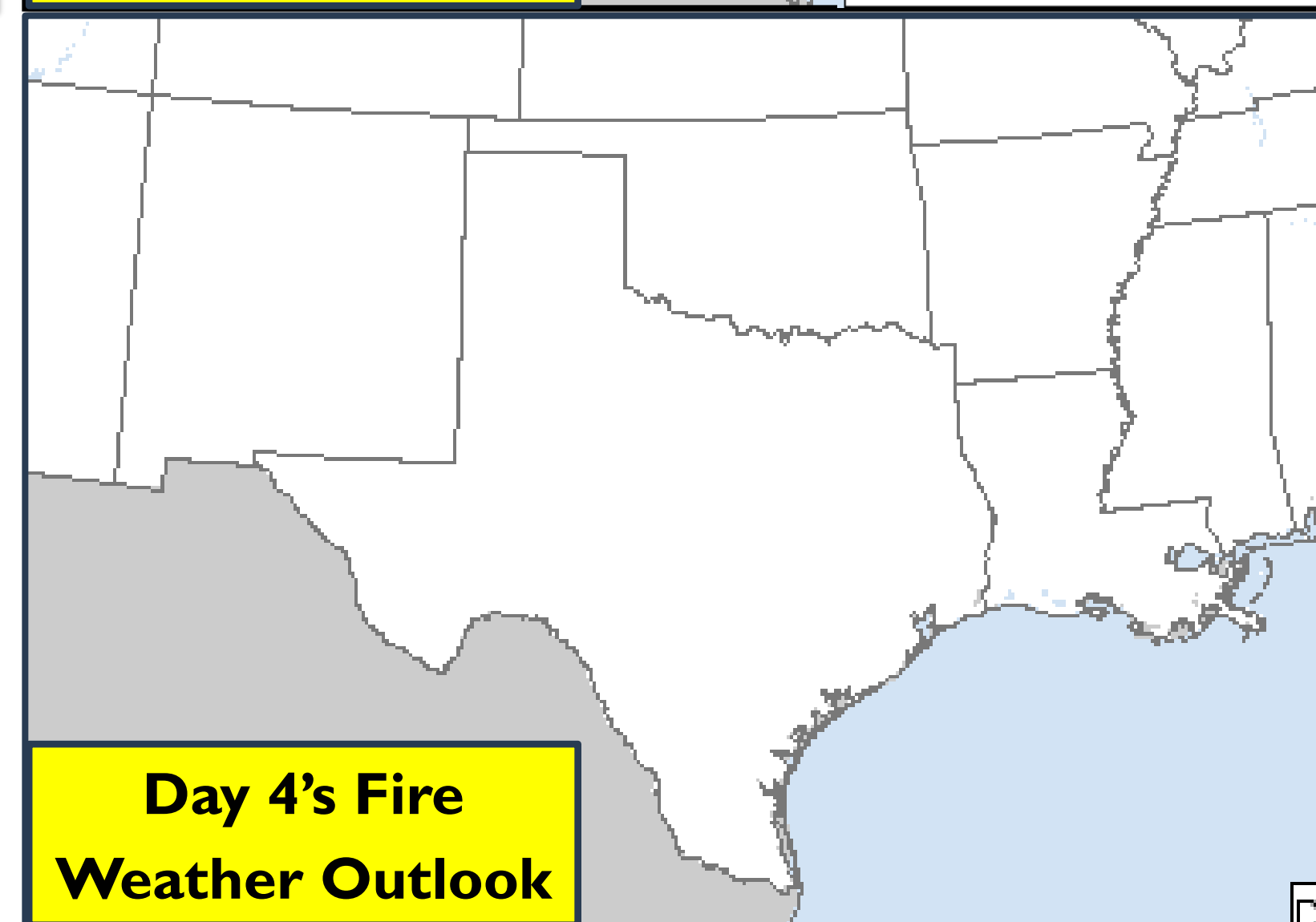
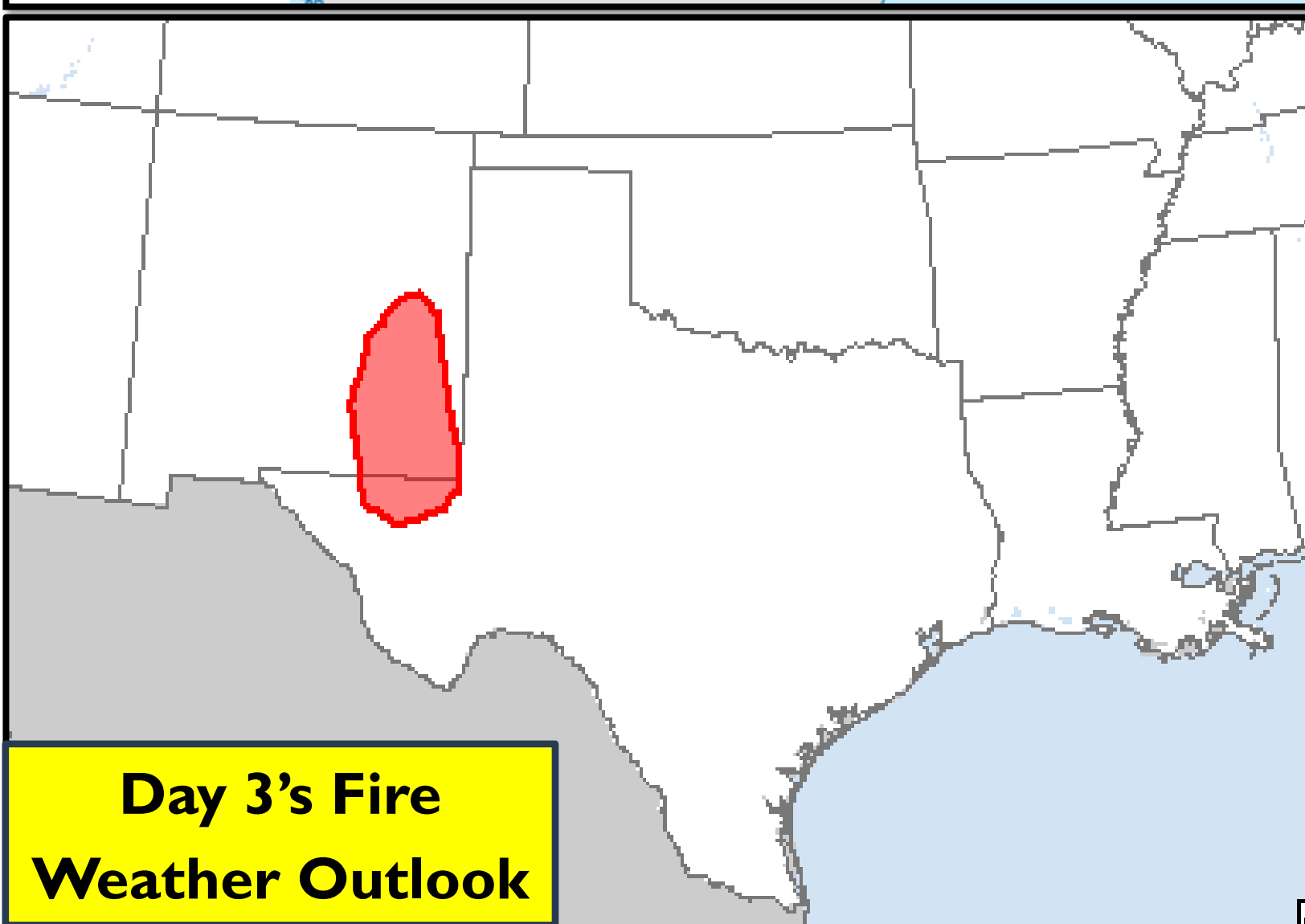
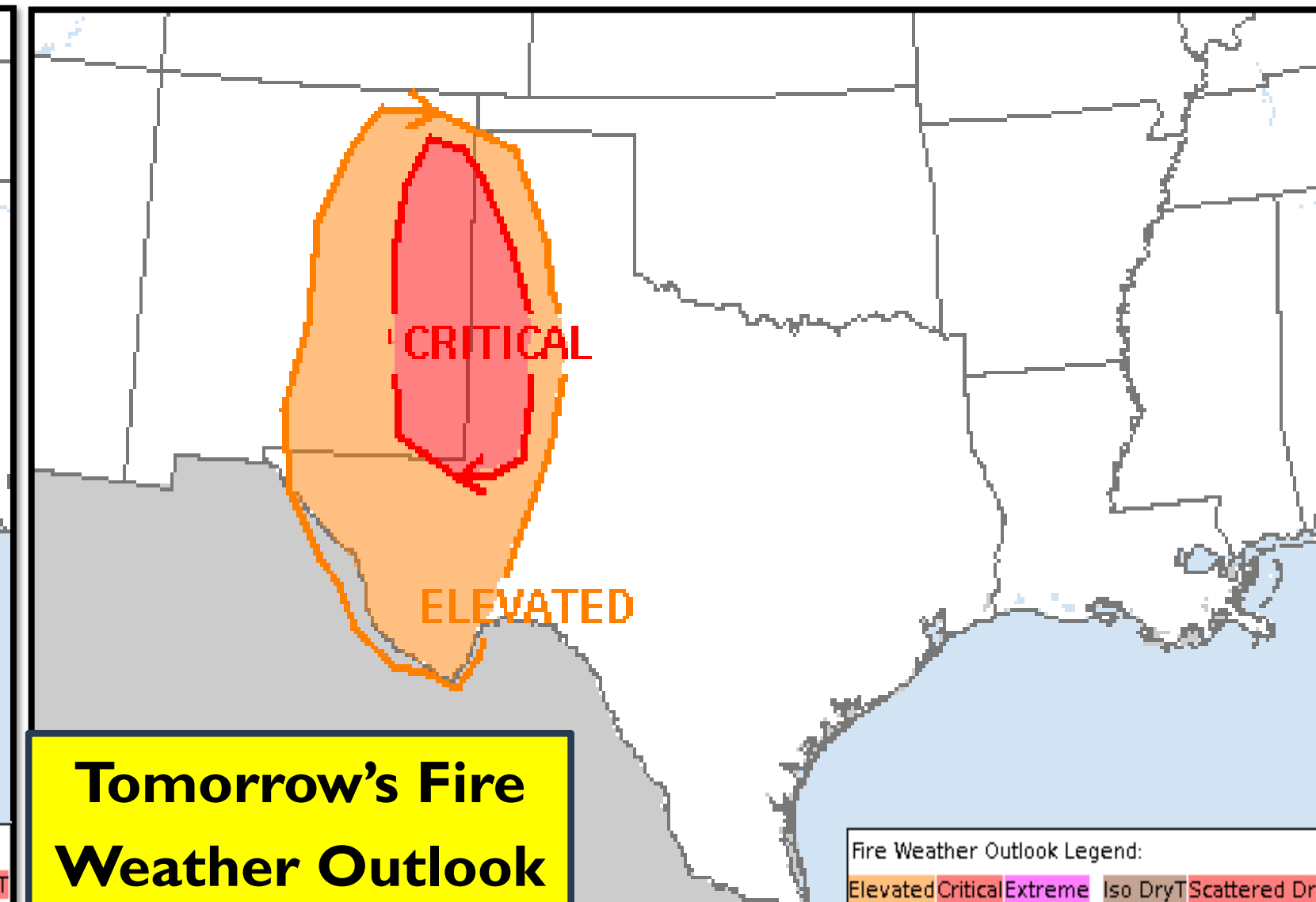
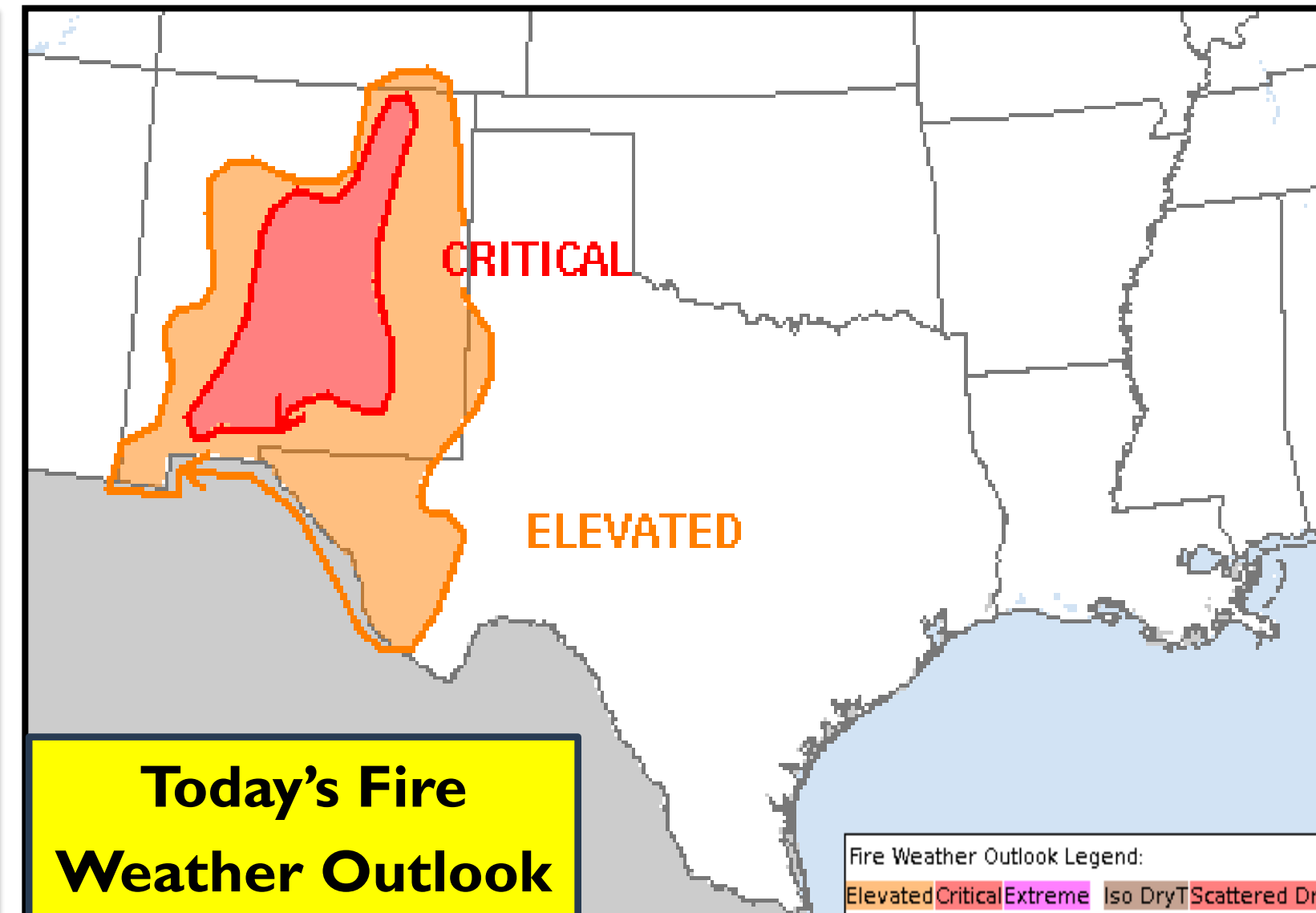
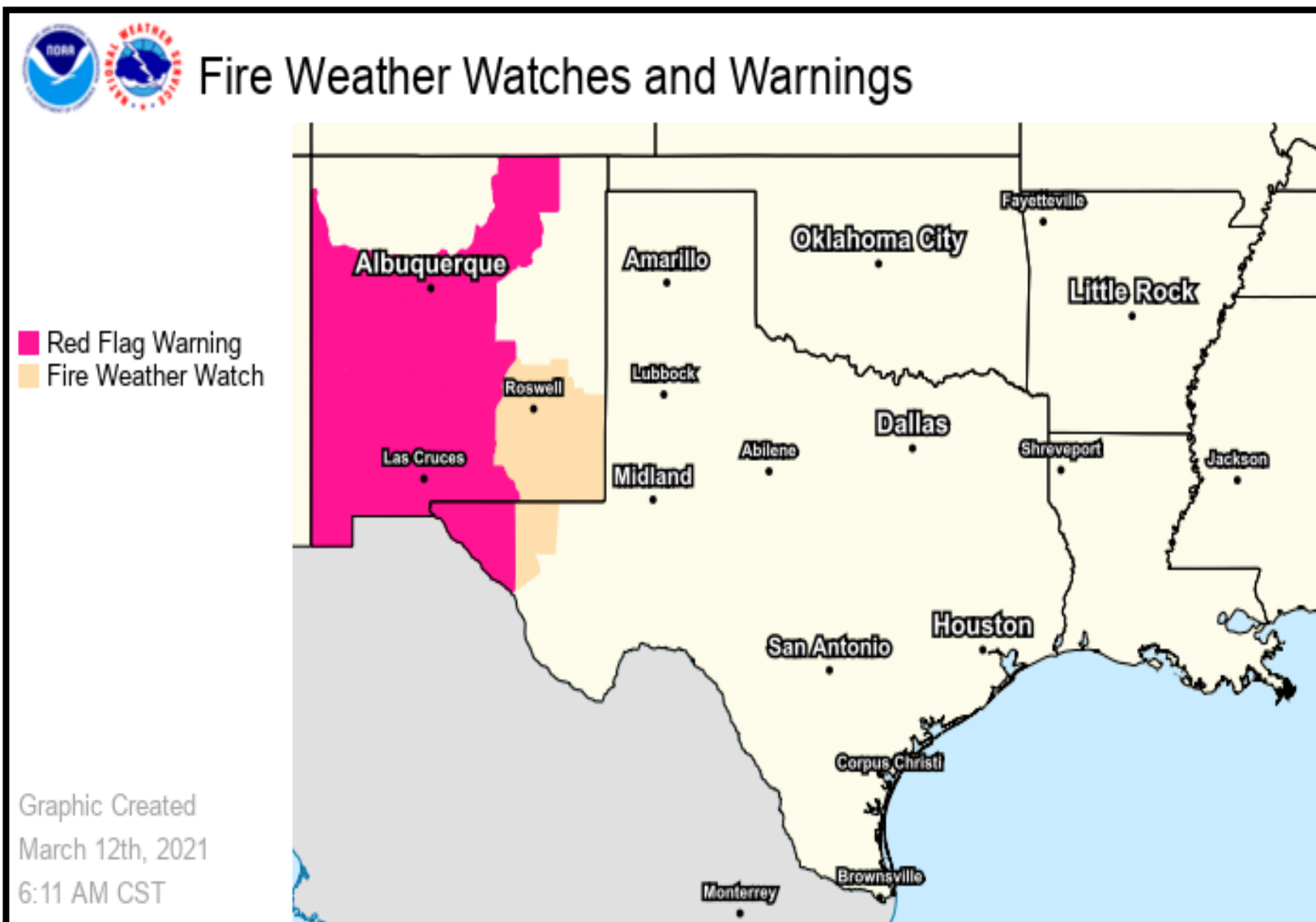




# Fire Weather Outlooks



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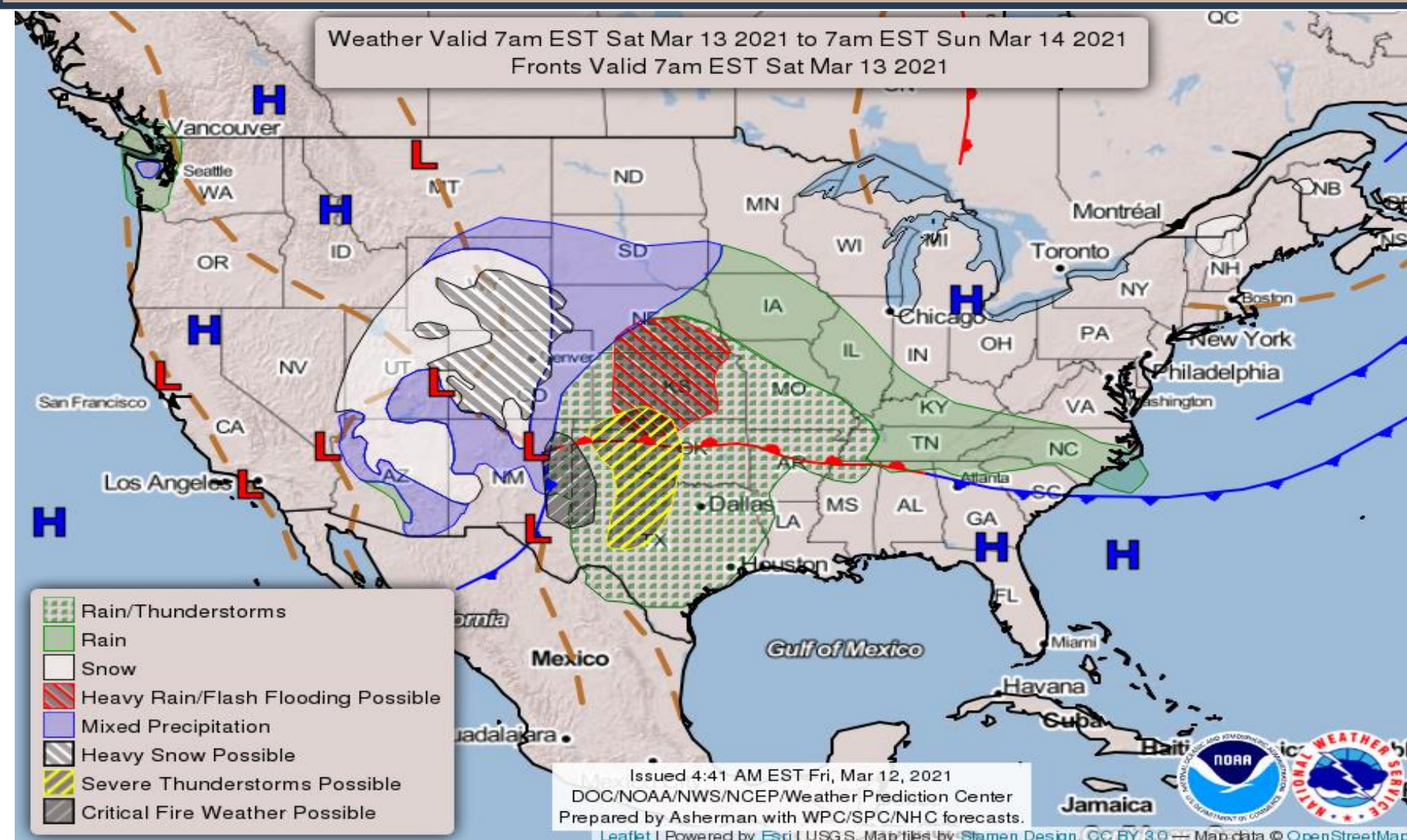


# Tomorrow's Weather

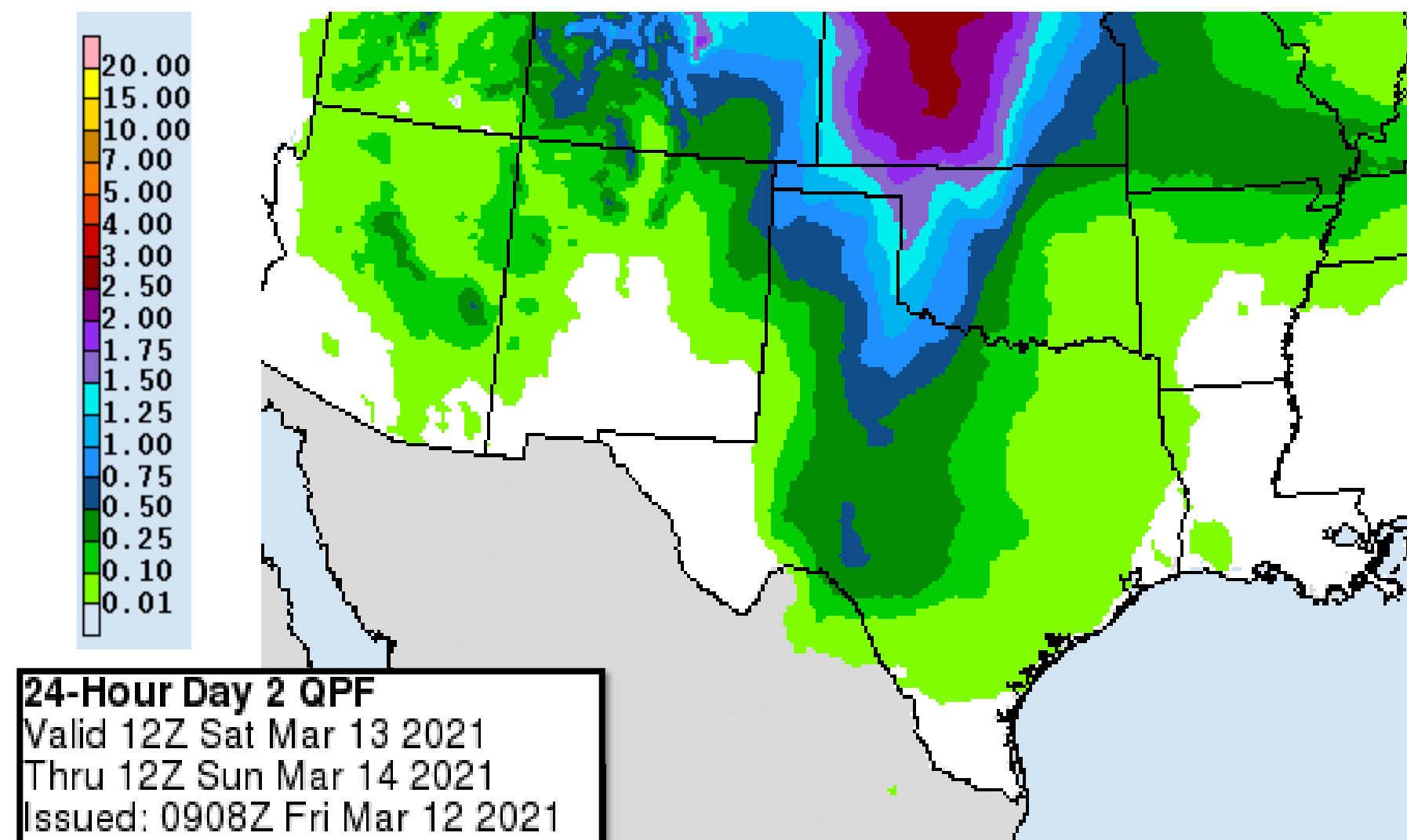


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## Forecast Chart



## Forecast Rainfall



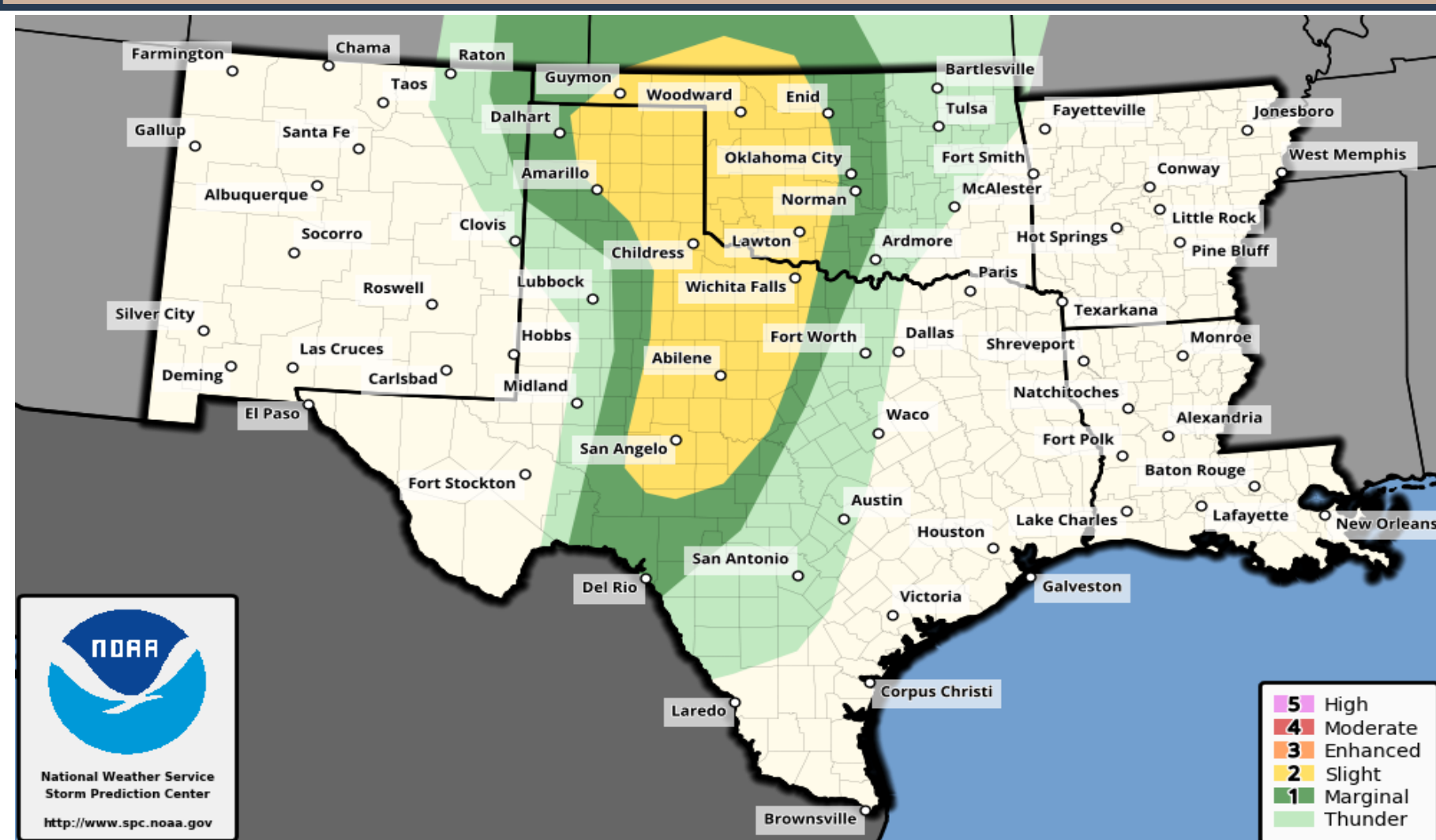
**Severe thunderstorms across western/central OK into NW/W-Central TX and the TX/OK Panhandles. Damaging winds and large hail are the main threats.**

**A few tornadoes possible.**

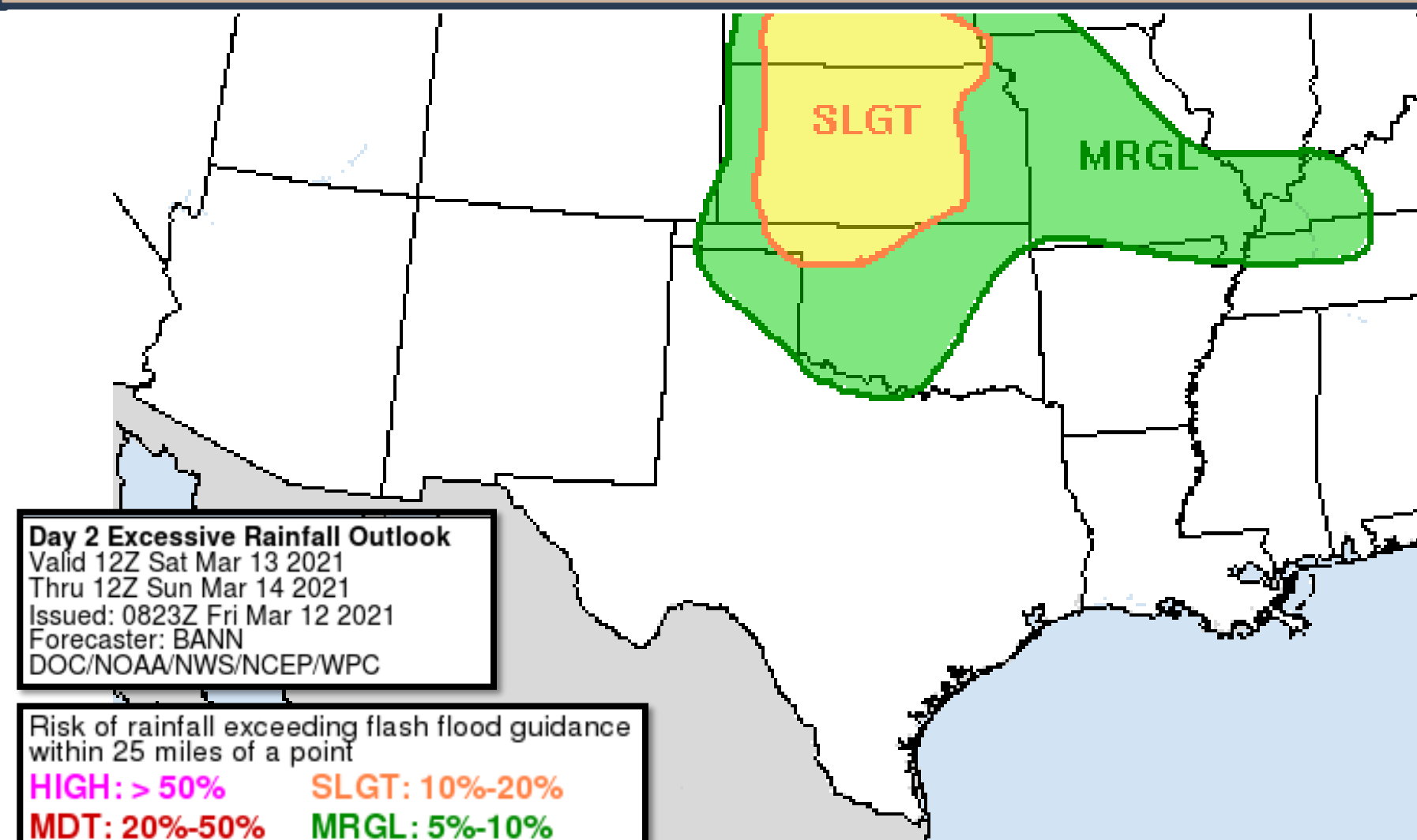
**Heavy rainfall/flash flooding across N OK.**

**Isolated heavy rainfall/flash flooding possible across much of the rest of OK into N AR and the TX Panhandle.**

## Severe Weather Outlook



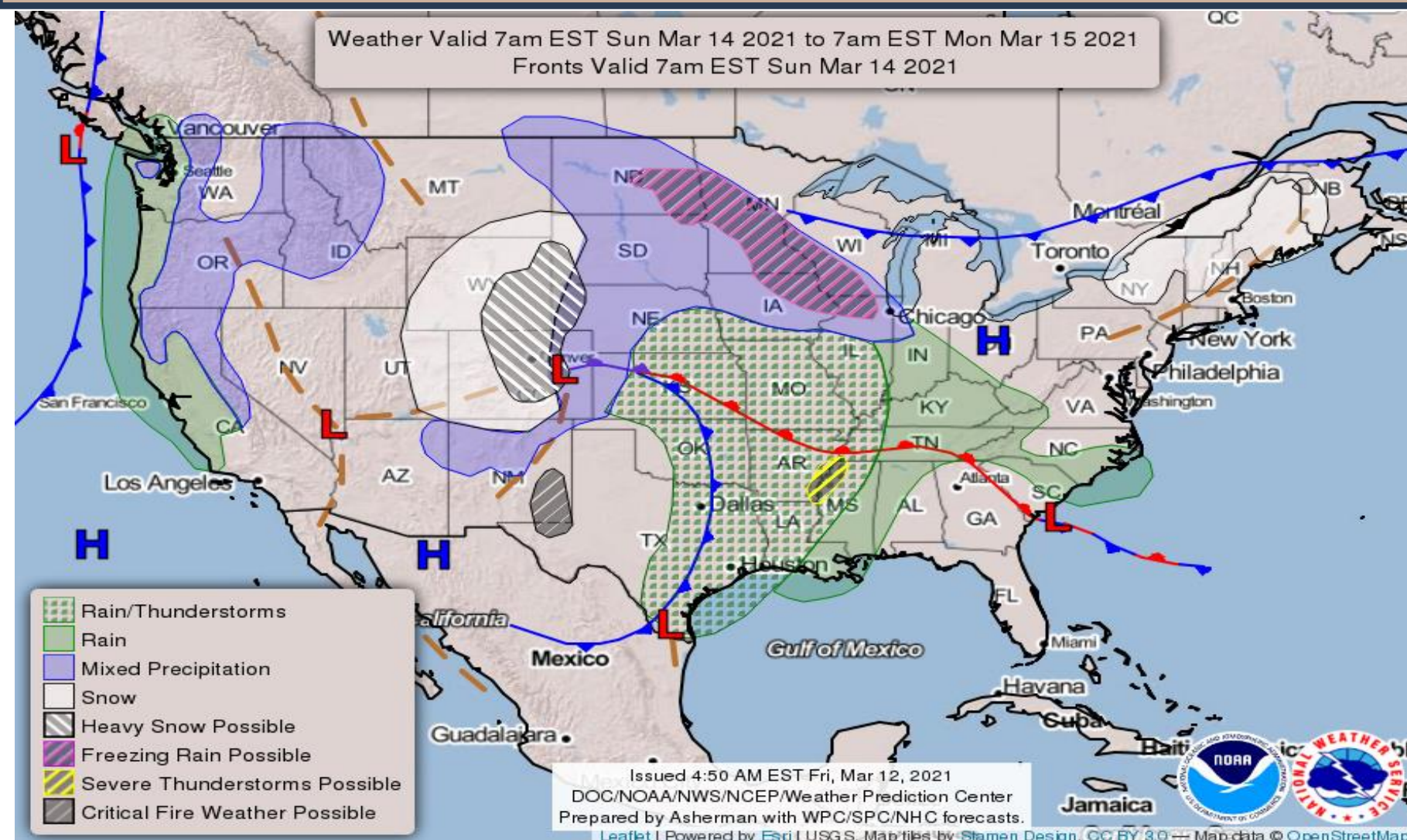
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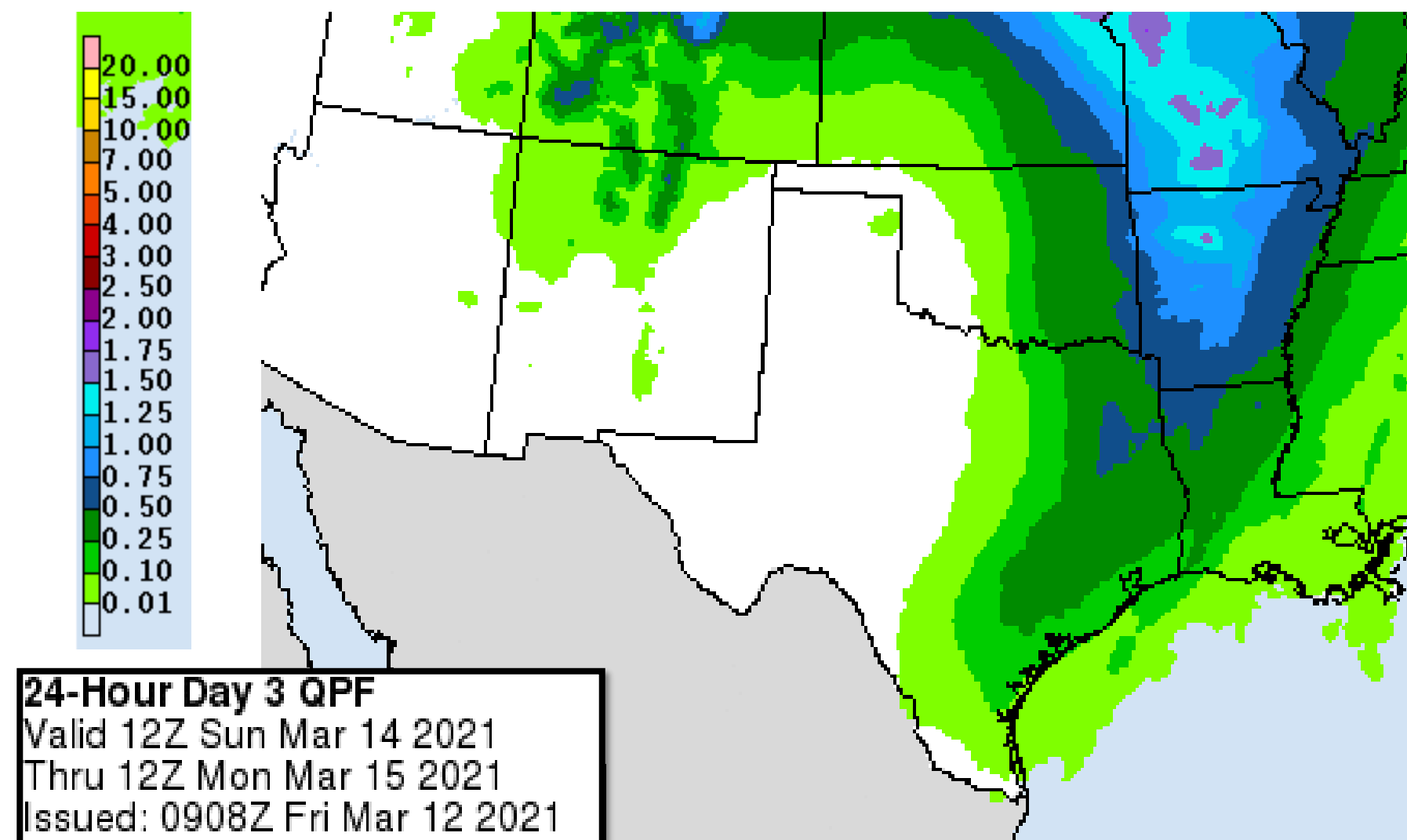


# Sunday's Weather

## Forecast Chart

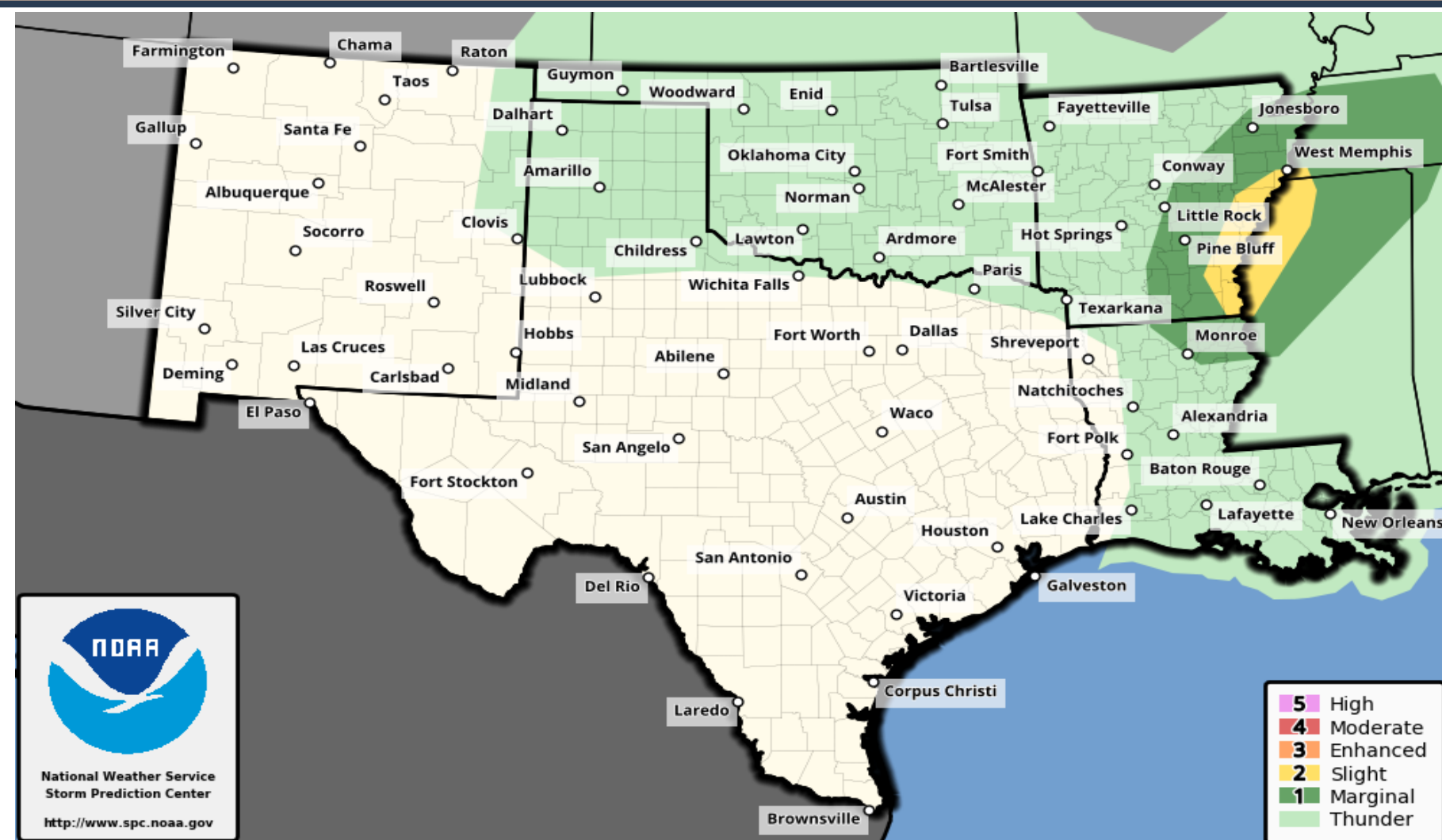


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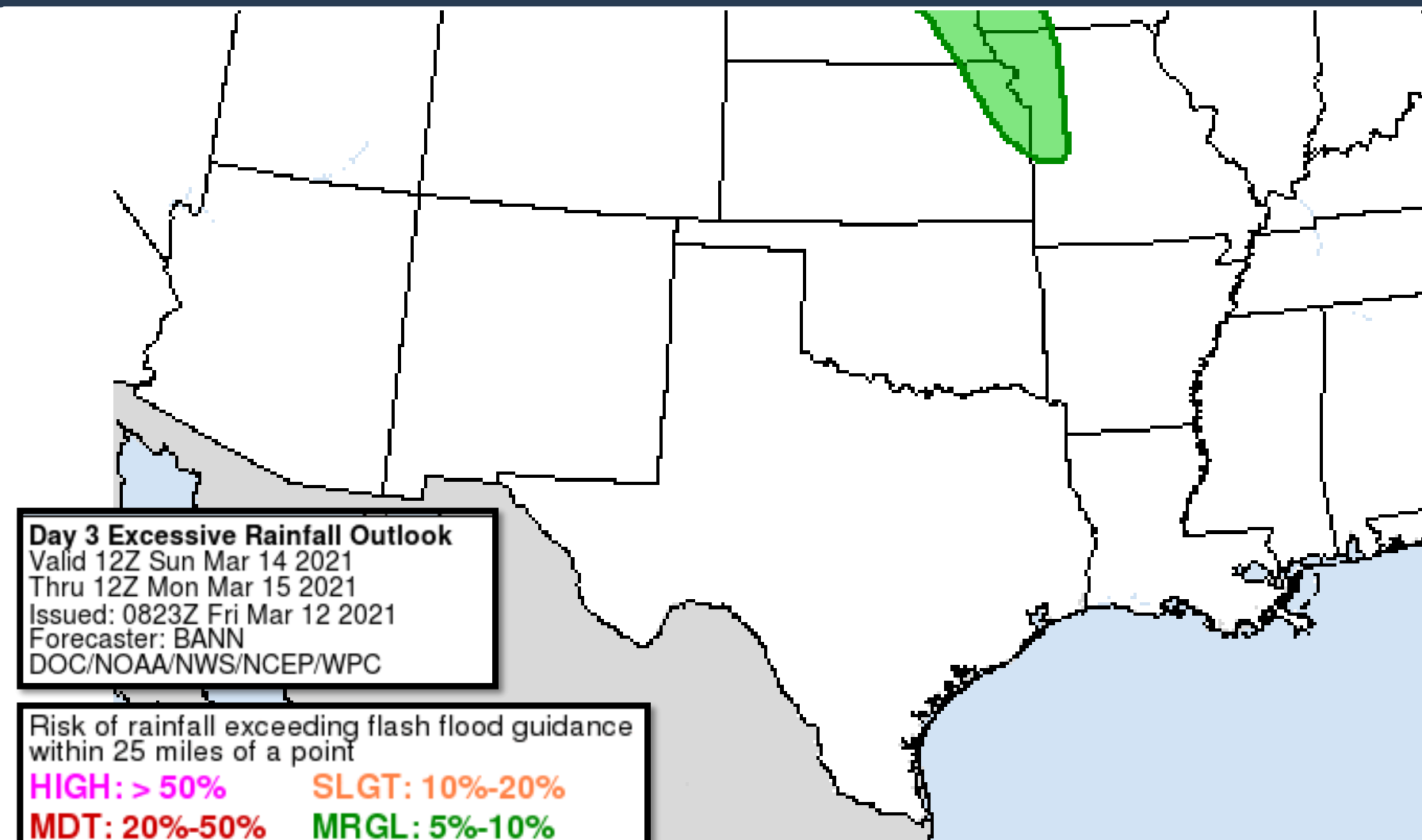


**Severe thunderstorms capable of damaging wind gusts possible in E AR Sunday evening/night. A brief tornado cannot be ruled out.**

## Severe Weather Outlook



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook





# Days 4-5 Weather Hazards

Monday - Tuesday



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No significant weather expected.





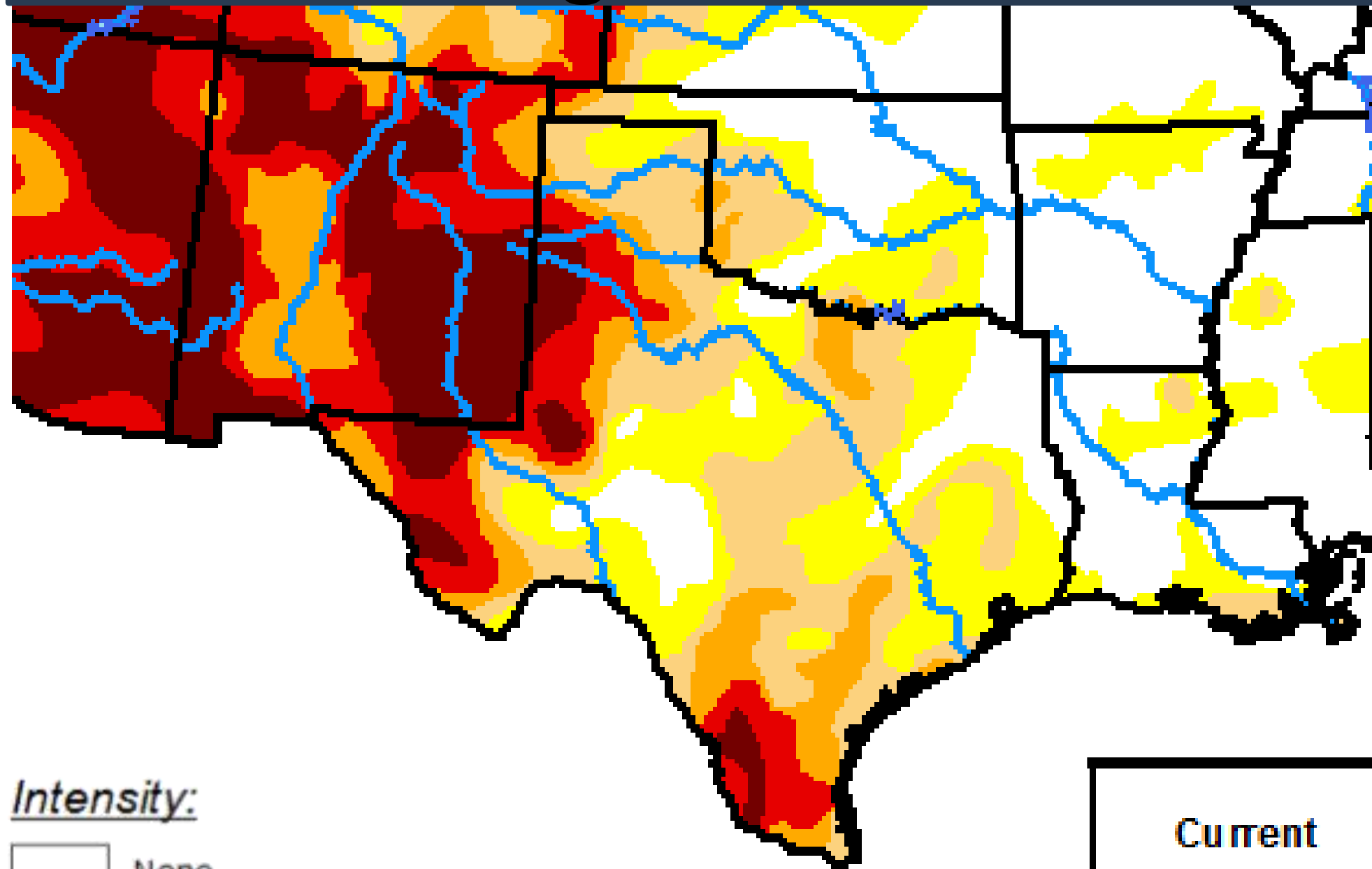
# Drought Monitor (Released Mar 11, 2021)



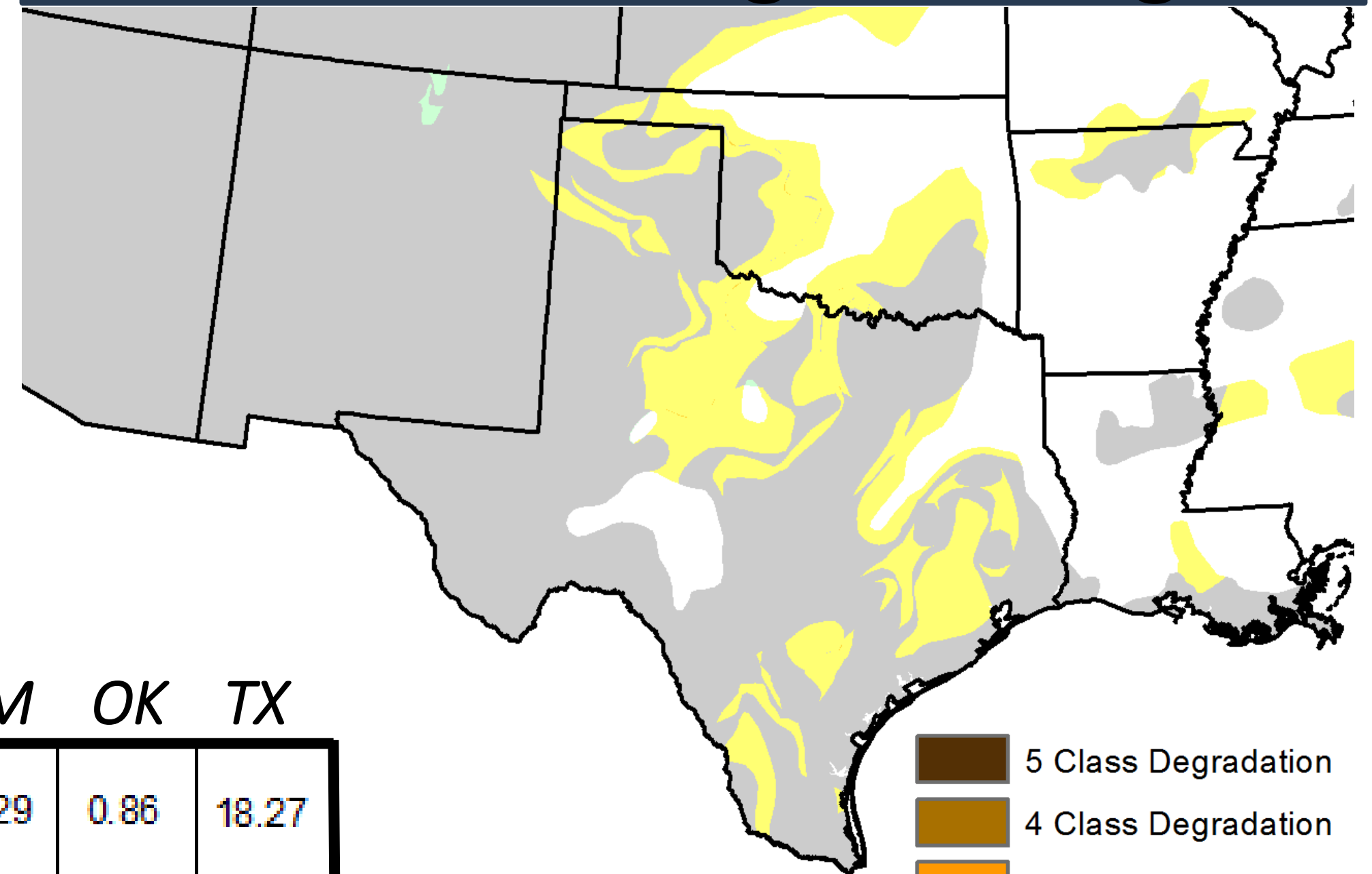
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Data valid as of 8 am ET on Tuesday, March 9, 2021

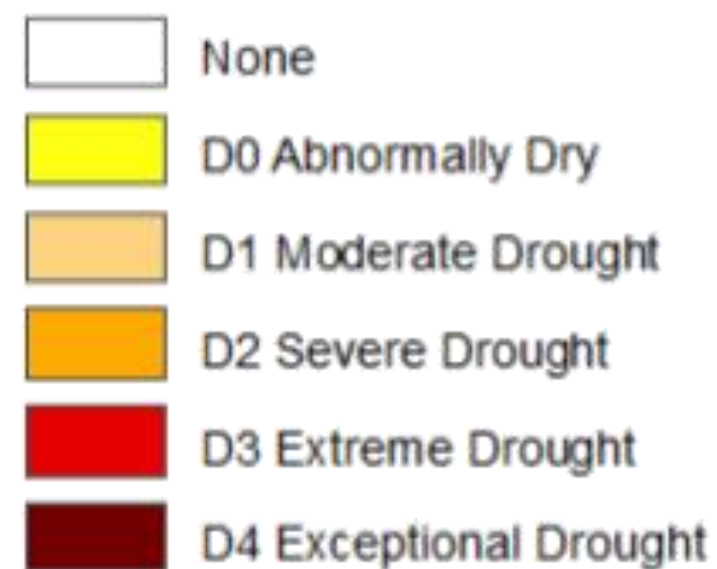
## Drought Monitor



## One Week Change in Drought



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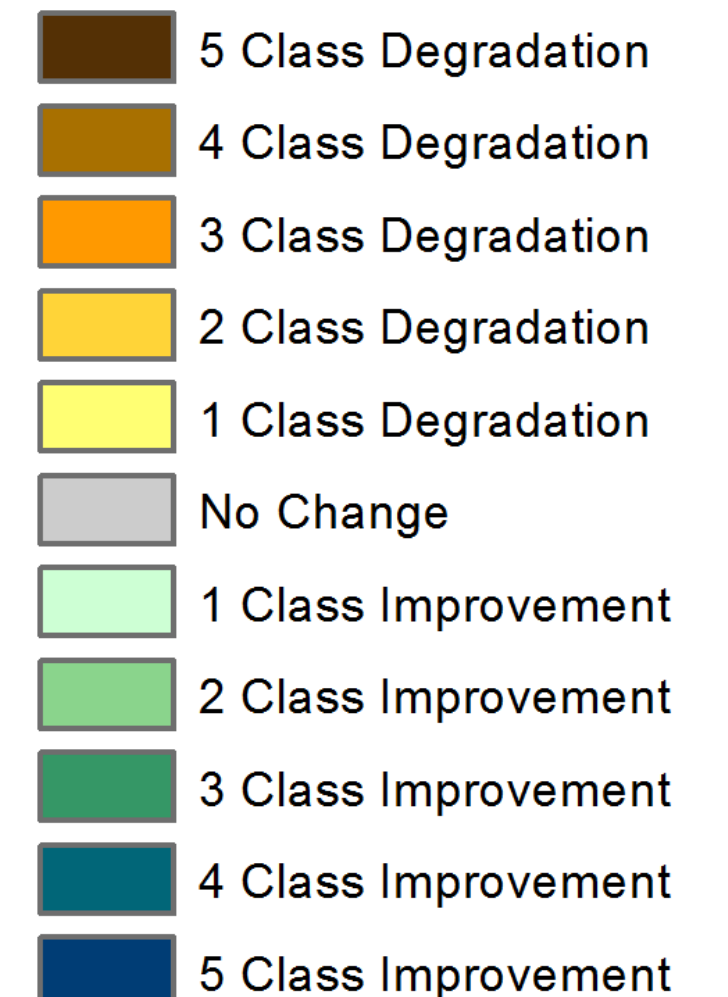


The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

	AR	LA	NM	OK	TX
Current	0.00	0.00	82.29	0.86	18.27
Last Week 03-02-2021	0.00	0.00	82.18	0.86	17.11
3 Months Ago 12-08-2020	0.00	0.00	82.26	1.45	25.16
One Year Ago 03-10-2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.87

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)



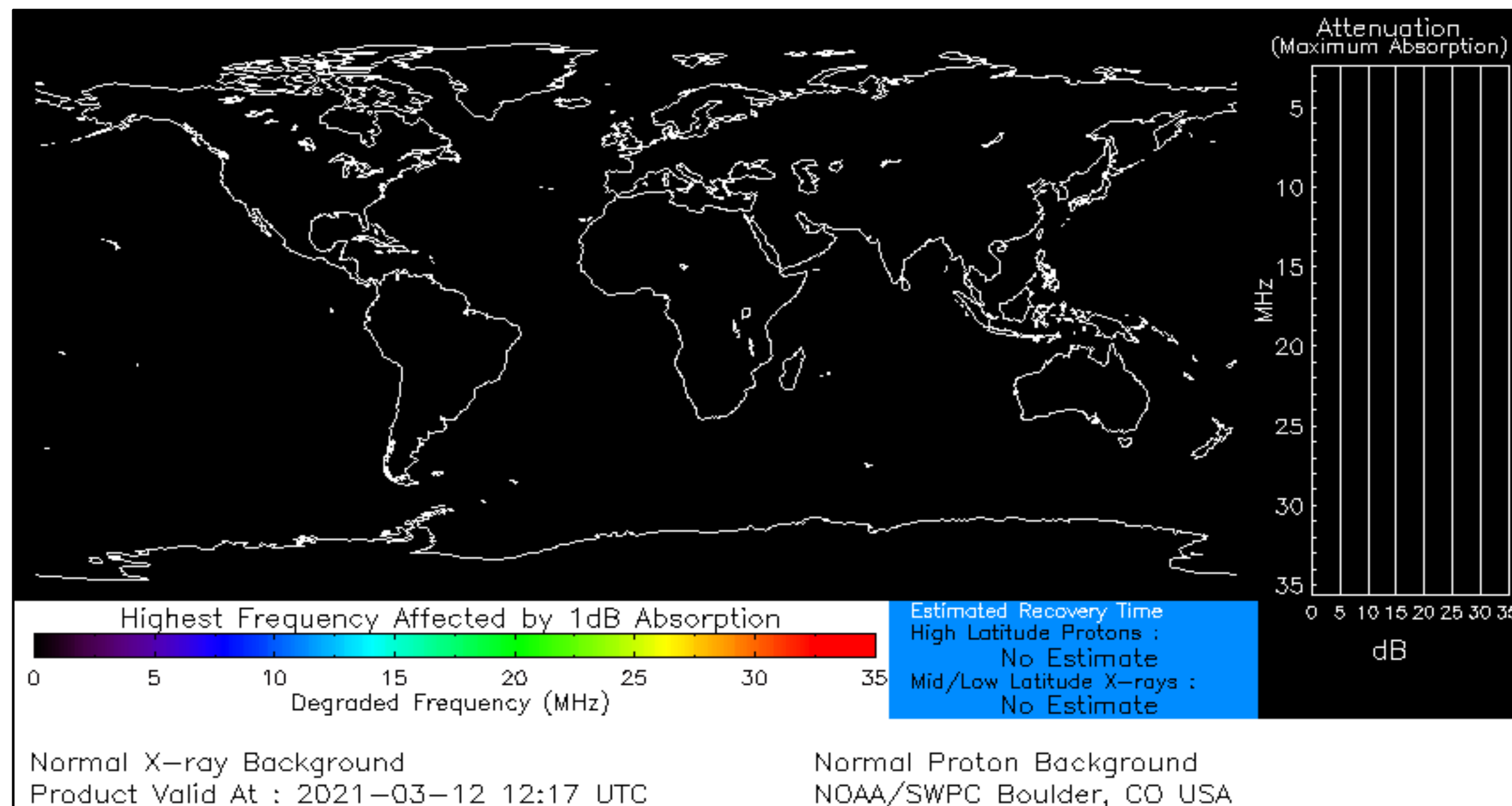


# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



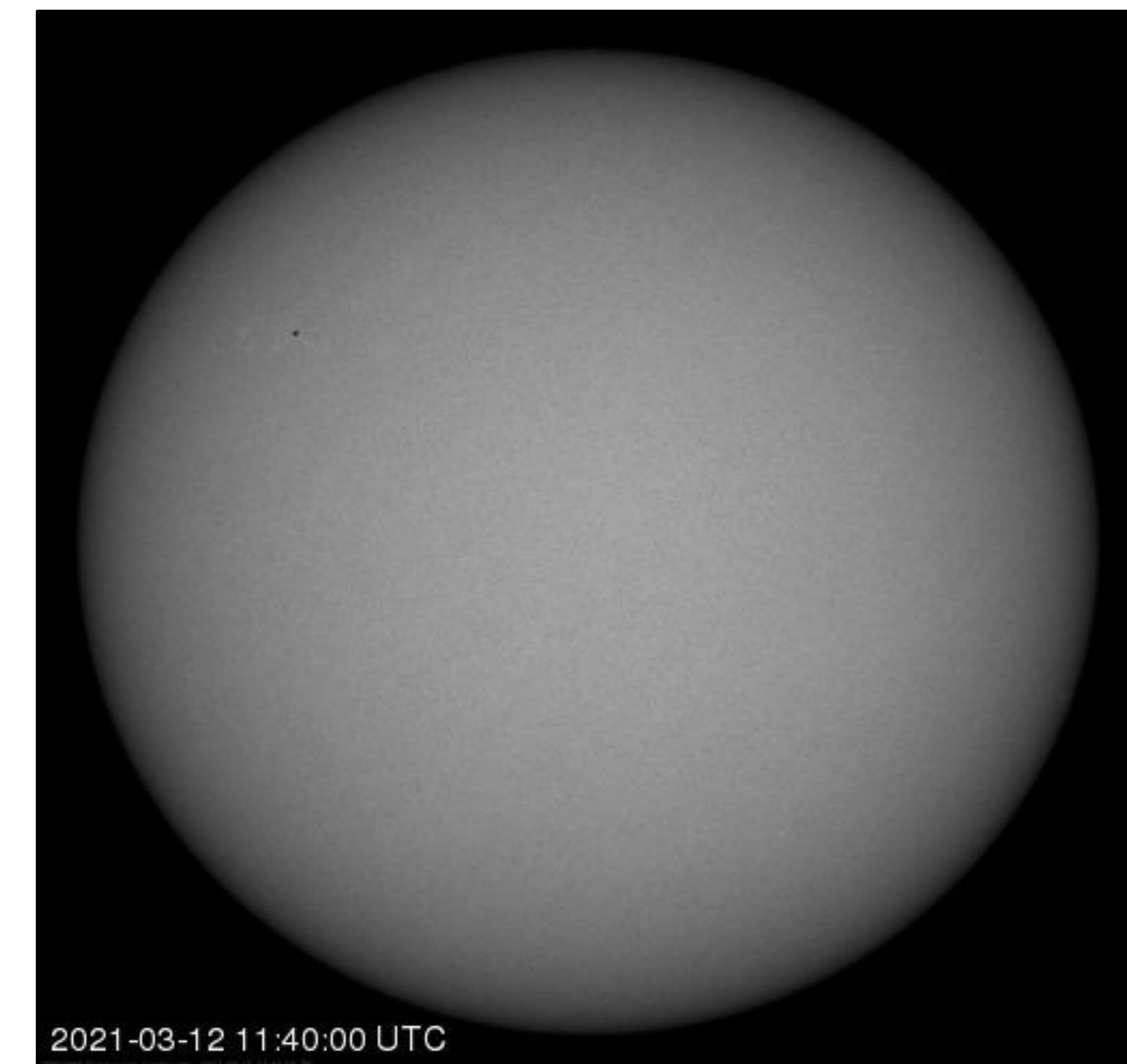
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	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Geomagnetic Storms	Minor (G1) Storm (Max Kp = 5)	Unsettled to Active (Max Kp = 4)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



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Weather “Threat” Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	<b>Very Common</b> Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees</li> <li>Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX</li> </ul>
Yellow	<b>Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently</b> Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible</li> <li>Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1” hail</li> </ul>
Orange	<b>Uncommon – A Few Times a Year</b> Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely</li> <li>Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail</li> <li>Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected</li> </ul>
Red	<b>Rare – Once every 1-5 Years</b> Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days</li> <li>Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail</li> <li>Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue</li> </ul>
Purple	<b>Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years</b> Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow</li> <li>Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms</li> </ul>

**Criteria for the color codes in this briefing is to the left, please provide any feedback to**

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